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SUBJECT: RELEASE OF LAST OF CHRISTIAN URBAN MISSION WORKERS

REF: SEOUL 5146

1. REV. PAK HYONG-KYU, REV. CHO SUNG-HYOK, AND EVANGELIST YI KYUL-SONG LAST REMAINING MEMBERS OF SEOUL METROPOLITAN COMMUNITY ORGANIZATION (SMCO) TO BE DETAINED IN CONNECTION WITH INVESTIGATION OF ALLEGED COMMUNIST CONNECTIONS OF SMCO WERE RELEASED FROM PRISON LATE EVENING JULY 6. ACCORDING TO NCCK OFFICIAL, THEY WERE RELEASED WITHOUT CHARGES AND POLICE HAVE CLOSED CASE.

2. COMMENT: WHILE THIS CASE HAS NOT BEEN REPORTED LOCALLY AND WAS NOT WIDELY DISCUSSED, WELL INFORMED ROKG OFFICIALS AND SOME OTHER KOREANS INCLUDING CHURCH LEADERS WERE FULLY AWARE OF MAJOR ADVERSE IMPLICATIONS OF IT, PARTICULARLY OVERSEAS. BESIDES NCCCK SECGEN, KIM KWON-SUK, SEVERAL OFFICIALS AND NATIONAL ASSEMBLYMEN AWARE OF CASE HAVE ALREADY BREATHED SIGH OF RELIEF TO US THAT PRESIDENT PARK HAS DECIDED NOT TO PURSUE MATTER.
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